

IT WAS A STUNNER.

The Question Asked by a Dis-
patch Correspondent of the
Republican Leaders.

THEY DIDN'T THINK OF IT.

Will an Extra Session be Held if
Prohibition Has a Majority?

IF NOT, FREE LIQUOR WILL PREVAIL

The Question Concerns the Governor
Beaver's Idea of the Point-
State Chairman Andrews in
the House. The Extra Ex-
pose May as Well Go—He Would Like
to Know Who Wants a Special Election—
Not His Constituents—He Blames It
All on Cooper.

THE DISPATCH's staff correspondent at
Harrisburg has raised a question in con-
nection with the possible passage of the
prohibition amendment which excites the Re-
publican leaders. He wants to know
whether, if the amendment passes, it will
not be necessary to call an extra session of
the Legislature to pass penal laws to en-
force it. The next regular session of the
special election does not occur until 1891,
and in the meantime the high license law
will be unconstitutional, and there will be
no way of regulating the liquor traffic. Be-
low is given the views of the prominent ad-
vocates in the party of the submission of
the prohibition question to the people.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]
HARRISBURG, January 17.—"I have not
even thought of it, and never cross a bridge
before I come to it."
This was the reply Governor Beaver made
when the following question was asked him
this afternoon: "Should the constitutional
prohibition amendment pass at the special
election on June 18, would it, in your judg-
ment, be better to call a special session of
the Legislature to pass the law necessary to
enforce it, or await the regular session?"

If the Governor had not thought of this
branch of the subject some one else had.
The Senator from Delaware, Hon. Thomas
V. Cooper, when asked the same question
early in the day, met it as though it was the
one subject that filled his mind.

"A special session," he repeated, "cer-
tainly. If the amendment passes a special
session will be necessary, or we will get into
just such a snarl as Ohio did a few years
ago, when the Supreme Court of the State
ruled one thing on the liquor law when it
had a Democratic majority and another
when it had a Republican majority."

Between Two Stools.
"Our constituents are very much the
same, and if the amendment passes it won't
do to leave us between the newly adopted
provision and the Brooks law."

Another gentleman whose conspicuous
name in State politics does not take off its
hat to the Republican ex-Chairman, refused
to permit the use of his name, but thought
an extra session necessary.

"What is your reason for this opinion?"
"My reason is this," he replied, "the
amendment will be a part of the organic law
of the State, and it will then, in my opinion,
be the duty of the courts to take cognizance
of it when applications for license come be-
fore them. This ought to do until the
Legislature meets."

When Representative Chairman Andrews
was asked for his opinion a smile lit up his
countenance as though it gave him the
greatest pleasure in the world to reply that
he had given that branch of the subject no
thought whatever.

"If you get time in the summer come and
see me at Titusville, and we will try to make
it pleasant for you."

Representative Brooks, whose aqueous
name will be remembered at least as long as
high license lasts in the Keystone State,
seemed surprised by the question.

A Costly Necessity.
"I hadn't thought of it," he said. "It's
a little soon, yet, but—here he paused to
consider—"I believe it would be best to
have a special session of the Legislature to
settle that matter."

Representative Graham, of Allegheny,
wanted to think about it before giving an
answer, and Chairman Andrews, of the Ap-
propriations Committee, acted, when ap-
proached, as though the idea was a new one.
At first he didn't think the time very new
from the special election to the regular ses-
sion of the Legislature, but, after reflecting
a moment, replied that opinion and prom-
ised to think about the subject if the ap-
propriations bill didn't press him too hard.

Just before leaving for Pittsburgh Senator
Newmyer said: "A special session, why not?
If there is to be a special election at a
cost of not much less than \$1,000,000, why
not add the expense of a special session of
the Legislature? The expenses of the elec-
tion to the State and the various counties
won't fall much below that in the aggregate.
But who wants this matter decided at a
special election, is what I'd like to know.
None of my constituents have asked for it,
and I don't know who else has. I have no
idea who wants it but Tom Cooper."

To Amend Brooks' Measure.
The House Ways and Means Committee
this morning found itself half a dozen
bills, amendatory of the Brooks high license
law. It expects to receive at least as many
more similar in character. Those of the
morning and those yet to come are de-
signed to place in the hands of a sub-com-
mittee with Mr. Brooks as Chairman. The
other members are Dravo, of Beaver, Nes-
bit, of Allegheny, and Wherry, of Cum-
berland.

The attention of Mr. Brooks was called to
the statement that there is a movement
among the friends of his measure to prevent

A LIMIT FIXED

To the Monopoly of Rights-of-Way by Rail-
road Companies—Strict Regulations
Concerning Railroad Crossings
All Here to Have Auto-
matic Couplers.

HARRISBURG, January 17.—The corpora-
tion of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company
has been granted a number of days in both
Houses. The first blow at their influence
was in the shape of a favorable report on the
bill forbidding grade crossing by railroads to
be built in the future. The next blow
was a bill introduced in the House by ex-
Speaker Graham, and in the Senate by Sen-
ator Newmyer for Senator Ruten. The bill
was declared by an Allegheny member to be
in the interest of the Pittsburgh Junction
Railroad, and its first section is as follows:

That the lands and properties of incorporated
companies devoted to or held by public pur-
poses in the exercise of the franchises of such
companies or otherwise, may be taken and sub-
jected to public use by any other incorporated
company, lawfully possessed of the right of
eminent domain, for the purpose of such
purpose or purposes as the said right may have
been conferred upon, making just compensation
therefor to the incorporated company owning
such lands; provided, that such lands
hereinbefore proposed to be taken shall be
essentially necessary to the exercise of the
franchise of the company taking the same,
and may be taken in the exercise of the
purpose proposed without defeating or destroy-
ing the franchises of such company.

The remainder of the bill provides for pro-
ceedings in court if the corporations cannot
agree.

Another bill of interest to Pittsburgh was
also introduced in the Senate by Senator
Newmyer, and in the House by Senator Ruten,
which relates to the introduction of
street railway companies shall hereafter
have authority, with the consent of the city
or borough in which they are located, to
construct extensions of branches as deemed
necessary, and also authorizes them to sell or
lease portions of their tracks to other pas-
senger lines, and to make connections, shortening
routes and crossing tracks, and permits them to lease their
property and franchises to motor power com-
panies.

Representative Shiras, when told about this
measure, said it covered some of the
features of the bill he intends to introduce,
but his bill goes much farther in that it is
a measure providing for the incorporation of
street railways, which is made necessary by
the fact that there is no such law now, the
Supreme Court having declared it unconstitutional.

Senator Appermer introduced a bill regu-
lating the manner in which trains shall
pass over grade crossings in cities. In the
place it provides for no train longer than
that on any grade crossing shall pass over
such crossing. Five minutes must intervene
between the passage of trains and the
passage of a street railway train. No train
shall stop on a grade crossing; nor
flag, switch or connecting track shall be
placed at a crossing; no train may not
cross over such other view as is provided
will be punished by fine and imprisonment.

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the House to the effect that any and all
hereafter built or rebuilt, must have auto-
matic couplers.

Mr. Fox, of Philadelphia, mentioned for
the benefit of the press that the Grand
Army man who runs that city's gas depart-
ment had not long ago discharged 25 old
soldiers to go to work in the city, and that
the steam shovel is turned by the labor-
ers.

This gave Dr. Walk, of Philadelphia, an
opportunity to say that business and not
sentiment ruled in that case and should in
this. If some people had their way the
Pennsylvania Railroad would be abolished
and the roads of the country transported in
wagons driven by old soldiers.

But the veteran had his friends, and they
talked so long that the bill was not taken
up for a third reading by a large majority.

MANUAL TRAINING.

Schools to be Established Under the Super-
vision of the State.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]
HARRISBURG, January 17.—Senator
Mylin, of Lancaster, to-day introduced a
bill providing for the establishment of
manual training schools in districts con-
taining not less than 500 residents. Preparatory
to such establishments 100 residents of the
district, 50 being guardians or parents of
one or more pupils in the schools, must
petition for it. A special act shall be
passed in the ordinary course of law, and
instruction may be given at night.

The Department of Public Instruction is
empowered to prepare a course of instruction
and the buildings and equipments of schools
may be approved by a commission appoint-
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The amounts were settled against the
company as a result of the investigation of
Rufus E. Shapley, of Philadelphia, employ-
ed by the State of Pennsylvania, who was
Auditor General. The investigation was
conducted by the State of Pennsylvania.

A NEW MINING LAW

Giving Men of Experience a Mine-Work Cer-
tificate Without Examination.

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HARRISBURG, January 17.—The mining
law now provides that a person having been
a miner for five years and a pit boss for a
year prior to the passage of the act of June
30, 1885, can have a certificate as mine boss
without examination, but he is restricted as
to the employment of any other person in
his place who worked at the time of the
passage of the act.

Since several mines have been worked
out a number of persons have gone out
of the coal business and their mine bosses can
not under the law secure employment as
such. Representative Jones has introduced
a bill to place them on a par with the hold-
ers of the examiners' certificates.

PENITENTIARY EXPENSES.

Large Sums Appropriated to Pay Salaries—
A New Asylum Building.

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HARRISBURG, January 17.—The Appropria-
tions Committee of the House has
passed favorably on the requirements of
the Eastern and Western penitentiaries,
respectively \$85,000 and \$71,000. The
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UP GOES OIL.

The Scotch and American Oil Companies
Continue Their Agreement.

LONDON, January 17.—The Scotch Mineral
Oil Association met in Glasgow on Wed-
nesday and unanimously agreed to continue
the agreement with the American companies
for another year. A committee was ap-
pointed to confer with the American agent
and to-day the matter was settled. The
result was a big advance in mineral oil
prices.

IS ROSSA A COWARD?

David Says He Hasn't the Courage
to Fire a British Haystack.

UNIFORMS AS AIDS TO SOBRIETY.

Parrell Commission Witnesses Cause a
Public Scandal.

SOME HOPE FOR THE PANAMA CANAL.

Bismarck Scored by the German and English Papers
for the Gefekken Affair.

The incident of the Parrell Commission
yesterday was a letter from David which
he asserts is a coward. The constable
who have been attending as witnesses
have created a scandal by going on extensive
spree. Bismarck is being roundly abused
by the German and English press for his
action in the Gefekken matter.

[BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.]
LONDON, January 17.—(Copyright.)—In-
formation was received this morning by
cable representing the various
Irish members, and by Michael Davitt, but
although the witness' evidence was further
discredited, no new facts of importance
were introduced. At one end of the
finished with Davitt, who, by a special
request and evidently by his own ap-
pointment, was kept within convenient reach
at a London press for the present.

Delany was followed by a number of
witnesses, whose evidence was of the familiar type
and by policemen who deposed of the
seizure of letters at the house of Matt
Harris, the well-known eccentric member of
the Irish Parliamentary party. The letters
were read, but to the disappointment of
everybody they contained nothing that
could be called sensational. The most in-
teresting was written to Harris by David
from New York, in which the latter says:

Perhaps you are not aware that Mr. O'Leary
is here. He came from Paris to support my Land
League endeavor. He will go back a wiser
man than when he came. He is supported by
body saving the few booths following that
blatant as Ross. The Nationalists on this
case are common-sense men. O'Leary failed to
get up a crusade against the league in America.
He is now trying his hand in the Land League.
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through their connection with the Haymar-
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dence against the police officers be sub-
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determine whether the Times' demand for an
immediate suspension of the accused should
be accepted, pending a trial of the matter.

BISMARCK'S BLUNDER.

English and German Papers Score Him for
the Gefekken Affair.

LONDON, January 17.—The Pall Mall
Gazette, commenting upon the Gefekken
affair, says:
The question of Price Bismarck against Prof.
Gefekken is of long standing. Ten years ago,
at a social meeting, in unreserved after dinner,
Prof. Gefekken, then a member of the
parliament, declared that Bismarck had not
single noble trait of character and was without
any redeeming qualities. The whole affair
recalls the famous incident in the case of
the Vossische Zeitung, referring to the
publication of the Gefekken affair.

We protest against the public being invited
to deliver a verdict on the accusation alone
and the opening of the Gefekken affair.
We cannot recollect any previous judg-
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ment.

The foregoing article reflects the general
opinion of the Liberal press.

The Post says that the time will come
when, on account of the Gefekken affair,
Conservatives and many others will take up
a position, not against that individual
case, but against the whole tendency of
the criminal law legislation and practice.

The Rogenbach-Gefekken correspondence
has been published. It is not, as is the
custom, marked "Confidential."

HOPE FOR PANAMA.

The Bank of Paris Will Dig the Ditch for
One Per Cent of Profits.

PARIS, January 17.—The Banque Paris-
ienne has assumed the entire cost of the
issue and constitution of the new Panama
Canal Company, but it stipulates that
it shall receive annually one
percent of the net profits. No doubt is
entertained that the meeting to be held on
the 30th inst. will approve the scheme. If
300,000 proxies are not obtained the company
will be judicially wound up.

The bankruptcy bill passed the Senate to-
day. The measure has special interest at
the present time, because it enables the
Panama Canal Company to convert the old
organization into a new concern.

GOOD NEWS FROM STANLEY.

The Explorer All Right Last August—He
Had Not Seen Tippoo.

LONDON, January 17.—Sir Francis De
Winton, of the opinion that Stanley
reached Emin in November, and that his
journey from Emin's headquarters to the
East coast would occupy from six
to ten months. Sir Francis has
received a letter from Major Palminter,
dated Kinshasa, on Stanley pool, Novem-
ber 30, reporting that he had seen Stanley
returning at the end of August to the
camp where Parrell was murdered,
and that he had seen the knife in his hand.
The counsel for the defense will now, in all
probability, make their plea self-defense.

It is the general impression that the de-
fense will not be convicted of murder in
the first degree. The counsel for the de-
fense are making a vigorous fight, as their
case was generally considered a hopeless
one.

GALLAND WORMWOOD

The Bitter Pill Which Colman Hatch
Would Have to Swallow

IF MR. COLMAN WERE HONORED

By a Seat in President Cleveland's Cabinet,
Even for a Month or Two.

A SOUTHERNER VOTES HIS SENTIMENTS.

Inter-State Commerce Commissioner Bragg to
Resign Himself.

The possibilities of an understanding on
the subject of making an eighth Cabinet
office of the Department of Agriculture,
are rapidly vanishing. Petty personal jeal-
ousies are alleged to be at the bottom of the
failure. A Southern Senator is accused
of breaking the line of party to vote his
sentiments. Inter-State Commerce Commis-
sioner Bragg's nomination to succeed him
self has been reported favorably to the
Senate in executive session.

TONS OF FLOWERS

To be Used in the Decorations of the In-
augural Ballroom—Pretty Concetti
of the Florists. White to
Cost \$10,000.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]
NEW YORK, January 17.—Fifty thousand
dollars' worth of flowers and \$5,000 worth
of butting will be used in decorating the in-
terior of the big ballroom at Wash-
ington, for the ball on the evening of March
4, which will close the ceremonies attend-
ing the inauguration of Harrison and
McKinley.

When General Harrison and the others of
the Presidential party enter the hall at the
west end they will pass under a floral ball
15 feet in diameter. Somebody will pull a
string, the ball will fall open, and a
snowstorm of flowers will descend upon the
new President and his attendants. The
operation that releases the flowers will also
be a signal for the band to strike up by the
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A ship of state, 30 feet long, one of the
largest designs in cut flowers ever made,
will be suspended from the ceiling. The
galleries and the columns supporting them
will be decorated with garlands of laurel
and smilax, and smilax will hide all the
gas fixtures. Garlands of laurel and palm
leaves will entwine the eight large columns
supporting the roof. From the lowermost
gallery will descend seven paths of cut
flowers, each panel 10 by 15 feet, and bear-
ing a floral relief one of typical of the
executive departments of the Government.

Over the fountain in the center of the
hall will be a two-story Japanese pagoda,
and a large tropical plant. In this the
fountain will be a conservatory scene of
tropical plants, upon which will rise the
figure of a woman, holding a basket of
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of the workmen and houses of correction,
and pay \$21,000 for the present cost of production.
This offer is made because the local institu-
tion is sootier and unscrupulous in the com-
petition in the market. A bid has been sub-
mitted in writing, and the Board of Work-
men directors will pass upon it in a few
days.

The Corner trust already manufactures
\$750,000 worth of common brushes a year.
The institutions controlled by it
are the Alms House, the Philadelphia
House of Refuge, the Eastern
Pennsylvania Penitentiary, of Cherry Hill,
the House of Correction, the State of
Boys' Industrial School, of Lancaster, Ohio,
and the St. Louis Workhouse. The trust
also controls large works employing free
labor in Elmira and New York City.

A DEAD WOMAN'S CHECK

Presented in Payment for a Horse Unearthed
a Pension Fund.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]
BALTIMORE, January 17.—August
Weaver and Catherine Miller were arrested
to-day on the charge of conspiring to de-
fraud the Government. A pension had been
granted, some time ago, to Laura Weaver,
of this city, and a check for \$7,100 was sent
to-day that were in the hands of a horse
dealer, called on the District Attorney
and said that a pension check for \$7,100
had been presented to him in payment for a
horse purchased by August Weaver, but
that he declined to give the change until he
had been satisfied that the check was good.
An investigation followed, and it was found
that Laura Weaver, for whom the pension
was intended, had died about a year ago.
Weaver claims that Laura was his mother,
and that the pension agent knew that she
was dead when the check was issued. Cath-
erine Miller is charged with personating
Laura Weaver. They were arrested this
afternoon before United States Commis-
sioners Rogers, and waived a hearing.

THE YORKTOWN A GOOD ONE.

Cramp & Sons Delighted With the New
Government Cruiser.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]
PHILADELPHIA, January 17.—William
Cramp & Sons this morning declared that
the new United States cruiser Yorktown
another spin down the river. The trip was
an entirely unofficial one, and was made
solely for the gratification of the builders,
who desired to test a new grade of coal for
the furnaces. The only persons aboard ex-
cept the crew were William H. Cramp and
Andrew D. Cramp.

The vessel steamed slowly out of her
dock at about 8 o'clock, and, taking the
center of the river, she soon began to
along at a lively rate toward ship John
Light, where she was put over the course a
couple of times, very much to the satisfac-
tion of her builders, after which her
hose was turned toward the shipyard. The
official trial will be made in about two
weeks.

BRAGG SUCCEEDS HIMSELF.

His Nomination Reported Favorably to the
Senate in Secret Session.

WASHINGTON, January 17.—The nomi-
nation of Walter L. Bragg, to succeed him-
self as Inter-State Commerce Commissioner,
was favorably reported to-day in the ex-
ecutive session of the Senate by the Commis-
sioner on Inter-State Commerce.

\$15,000,000 Refused for Charities.
LONDON, January 18.—The Grand Pri-
or of the Carthusian Monks has refused the
London offer of the three millions for a
monopoly of the manufacture and sale of
the Charities Liqueur.

THE EAGLE SCREAMS

Which Represented a Thousand Mil-
lion Dollars of Capital.

POLITICIANS NOTABLY ABSENT.

John Jarrett Speaks on Protection to
American Labor.

GENERAL HARRISON CONGRATULATED

The American Protective Tariff League
held its first annual dinner yesterday,
and it was a notable gathering of millionaires
and manufacturers. The speakers dwelt on
the beauties and benefits of protection, and
congratulated themselves and President-
elect Harrison on the perpetuation of its
principles.

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NEW YORK, January 17.—Everything
was intensely American at the first annual
dinner of the American Protective Tariff
League at Delmonico's to-night. Even the
bill of fare was almost entirely in the Amer-
ican language; the orchestra played Amer-
ican airs most of the evening, and the room
was profusely decorated with the American col-
ors; the table ornaments comprised Amer-
ican designs in confectionery, and great
bunches of American roses and American
ferns took the place of tropical plants.

Among the 300 guests there was a very large
representation of the very largest manufac-
turers in the United States. All parts of the
country were represented, so that, in fact,
New Yorkers seemed rather scarce. But it
was distinctly an American gathering.

At the head of the main table sat R. H.
Amidown, President of the League, with him
were Warren Miller, Colonel Henry M.
Hoyt, Colonel Legrand S. Cannon, John
Jarrett, Hon. W. W. Morrow, Hon. Rufus
S. Frost, Colonel J. P. Ransom, ex-Govern-
or P. C. Cheney, of New Hampshire,
Governor P. C. Lounsbury, and the Hon.
John C. Burroughs. The right abler
representatives of the League were
C. A. Hathorn, A. B. Whitney, John P.
Porter, T. M. Ives, Mahlon Chance, Richard
Campton and M. M. Bulling.

CUT THEIR OWN THROATS.

Boston's Democratic Councilmen Court a
Wholesale Expulsion.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]
BOSTON, January 17.—The Common
Council distinguished itself this evening by
a proceeding which will undoubtedly result
in the success of the efforts to entirely abo-
lish that branch of the city government. In
other words, 36 Democratic members, by
voting to unseat two other Democratic
members who declined to vote with them
for President, have cut their own throats.

The Councilmen thus summarily
"boozed" are Messrs. Reed, of Ward 3,
and Foster, of Ward 12, and the "true
blue" Democrats placed in their seats are
Messrs. Dillon and Mulholland. It was
also on the programme to elect a new Presi-
dent, but the leaders lost their nerve and
adjourned before doing so. President
Allen gained a point on them, however,
by announcing the chairman of the opening
of the meeting, before anyone had a chance
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OUR NAVY TO THE RESCUE.

Government Cruisers Are Preparing to Sail
for the Samoan Islands.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 17.—There is
considerable activity at the Mare Island
navy yard, owing to orders received from
Washington in regard to the preparation of
vessels for sea, and the Vandalla, which has
been ordered to Samoa, will be ready to
sail Saturday. Orders also have been re-
ceived to prepare the Mohican for sea at
once. It is believed she will proceed to
Panama and there receive a new crew from
the East, and possibly go to Samoa.

The Mohican will be ready to sail in two
weeks. Another vessel received yesterday to
fit out the store ship Monongahela, and to
patch her to Samoa soon as possible with
supplies for the fleet.

GENERAL WASHBURN WINS.

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